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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MOSZNER ET AL.

Examiner

Melba Bumgarner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20-23 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/5/03, 3/17/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1-19 and 24 in the reply filed on February 14, 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the field of search are closely related and imposing no undue burden to examiner the groups. This is not found persuasive because the invention of the product can be practiced with many other different process of using the product such as coating the tooth surface and polymerizing the film during forming; therefore, search for the invention of the method would not be closely related and would impose additional burden.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 20-23 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on February 14, 2005.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: reference to claim numbers for example on page 4, should not be in the specification. This application does not contain an abstract of the disclosure as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). An abstract on a separate sheet is required. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details. The

language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

5. Claims 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims appear to recite part of the human body in combination with the structure of the claimed invention, such as "the side of the polymer film facing the tooth surface." It has been held that a claim directed to or including within its scope, a human being will not be considered to be patentable subject matter under 35 USC 101. The grant of limited, but exclusive property right in a human being is prohibited by the Constitution. *In re Wakefield*, 422 F.2d 897, 164 USPQ 636 (CCPA 1970). Applicant needs to clearly state using inferential language that the human anatomy is not claimed. For examination purposes, the claims will be considered as if such limitations involving the combination with a human were not present.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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7. Claims 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Recitation of "the side of the polymer film" lacks sufficient antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(c) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

9. Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harada et al. (6,191,191). Harada et al. disclose a dental polymer film comprising polymerizable groups wherein one of the group is an acrylate group (column 3 line 57). The film contains Michael addition resins (column 4 line 39). At least a part of the polymerizable groups is radically polymerizable. At least a part of the polymerizable groups is cationically polymerizable (column 4 line 3). The film can comprise an initiator (column 3 line 1), organic or inorganic fillers (column 11 line 50), polymerization inhibitors (column 12 line 23), pigments (column 12 line 24), an antioxidant (column 12 line 26), and a primer (column 5 line 16).

10. Claims 1-6, 8-13, 16, 17, 19, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakatsuka et al. (6,335,704). Nakatsuka et al. disclose a dental polymer film

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comprising polymerizable groups wherein one of the group is an acrylate group (column 19 line 29). The film contains Michael addition resins (column 19 line 44). At least a part of the polymerizable groups is radically polymerizable. At least a part of the polymerizable groups is cationically polymerizable (column 19 line 20). The film can comprise an initiator (column 5), organic or inorganic fillers (column 17), polymerization inhibitors, pigments, an antioxidant, a primer, and antibiotics. Nakatsuka et al. show the film detachably held on a carrier film which is translucent (column 26 line 61). Nakatsuka et al. show a dental polymer film of claim 1 and an adhesive (column 5).

11. Claims 1-9 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mitra et al. (5,154,762). Mitra et al. disclose a dental polymer film comprising polymerizable groups wherein one of the group is an acrylate group (column 3 line 24). The film contains Michael addition resins (column 3 line 39). At least a part of the polymerizable groups is radically polymerizable. At least a part of the polymerizable groups is cationically polymerizable. The film can comprise an initiator (column 3 line 1), organic or inorganic fillers (column 7 line 13), polymerization inhibitors, pigments, anti-adhesive additive, and a primer (column 8 line 30). The initiator is in microencapsulated form (column 2 line 51).

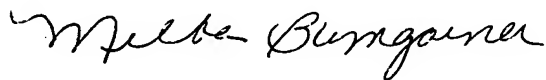
12. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Karazivan (WO 01/93774). Karazivan discloses a dental polymer film comprising polymerizable groups wherein one of the group is an acrylate group (page 5 line 27). The film contains Michael addition resins (column 3 line 39). At least a part of the polymerizable groups is radically polymerizable. Karazivan shows the film detachably held on a carrier film in the form of an inflatable film bag (page 12 line 27).

Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melba Bumgarner whose telephone number is 571-272-4709. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached at 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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